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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE

REF: USUN 4303

1. I AM DELIGHTED THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOLD FIRM TO SOME OF THE OLD TRUTHS, NOTABLY THAT THE SEAS ARE OPEN AND FREE AND NOBODY HAS A RIGHT TO TELL THE US OR ANYONE ELSE WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT DO ON THEM. I SOMETIMES GET THE FEELING THAT THE INDIANS TAKE THE NAME OF THE OCEAN AROUND THEIR SHORES A BIT TOO SERIOUSLY. THEY AREN'T SAYING TOO MUCH THESE DAYS, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE WHOLE PEACE ZONE QUESTION AND I SUSPECT THAT, WHILE THEY'D LIKE US OUT OF THE AREA, THEY REALLY DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH CHANCE OF BEING ABLE TO DO THAT AND IT ISN'T WORTH A LOT OF EFFORT TO TRY.

2. THEY'RE GOING TO BE WATCHING THE TASK FORCE FLOATING
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AROUND THE INDIAN OCEAN NOW PRETTY SHARPLY AND, IF THE

ARABS AND SOVIETS BEGIN TURNING ON THE HEAT ON THIS ISSUE,
IT WILL BE HARD FOR MRS. GANDHI TO HOLD HERSELF BACK.
BUT AT THIS POINT IT IS CLEARLY NONE OF INDIA'S BUSINESS
AND I WILL HAVE NO HESITATION IN SAYING SO IF THIS SHOULD
BECOME NECESSARY.

3. INCIDENTALLY, I SEE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
REPORT FOR OCTOBER 29 (STATE 213403) THAT THE TASK FORCE
IS ON ITS WAY TO WHERE IT WAS DURING THE BANGLADESH CRISIS.
WHERE WAS THAT? THIS IS SOMEWHAT MORE HELPFUL THAN IN
1971 WHEN I GATHER THIS EMBASSY WAS NEVER TOLD ANYTHING
ABOUT WHAT THE TASK FORCE WAS DOING. I WANT TO BE KEPT
ABREAST OF WHERE THE SHIPS ARE, HOW FAR THEY ARE FROM
INDIA, AND WHERE THEY FINALLY COME TO REST. I HOPE THIS
CAN BE DONE.
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